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1. On 2 November 1948 the Central Committee of the Province of Pichincha of the Ecuadoran Communist Party held a closed meeting in the Party's National Headquarters. The primary subject of discussion was the municipal elections which were to be held on 6 November. The following candidates were announced as the Party's choice for Quito:

Julio Enrique Paredes, a Socialist and also pro-Communist,

Ricardo Jaramillo, Liberal publisher of El Dia, who is friendly to the Communists,

Jaime Chavez Granja, Communist, c)

Guillermo Lasso, Communist,

Guillermo Ordonez, a Socialist and pro-Communist.

Alternates were listed as:

Francisco Saa Chacon, a Communist, a)

Francisco Estupinan, a Communist, b)

Cesar N. Perez, a Communist sympathizer c)

Sexto Salguero, a Communist sympathizer, d)

Corsino Duran, a Communist, e)

Rogelio Vizcaino, a Communist sympathizer.

2. Cell leaders were urged to contact all cell members to work for the above mentioned candidates. Their program advocated public commissaries, redistribution of land, workers' homes, the equalization of public salaries,

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In Guayaquil the Party's candidates were announced as Manuel Arenas and Alberto Ordenana Cortes. The "Alianza Popular" was again used as a front name for the Communists in this election. Propaganda for the campaign was printed on the cresses of the Voz Popular.

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